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President's Message

The last full week of August presented a opportunity for ham radio operators to put to use their skills by operating during Hurricane Issac as it hit the Louisiana/Mississippi Gulf Coast. I am sure if you watched the news you probably have all the details.

I volunteered to be a Net Control Station on a two hour session of the Louisiana Traffic Net Emergency Session on Wednesday evening from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on 3910 KHz and then another two hour session on Thursday morning from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. This is the first time for me to do this and it was quite an experience. I operated from my QTH using my inverted "V" at 30 feet on 75 & 40 meters.

I started checking in on numerous nets on Tuesday thru Thursday looking for traffic for this area, I only had one for Lafayette. I am writing this article on Thursday evening but after the affected areas start to recover, I am sure there will be some Health/Welfare Traffic that will need to be handled to and from the affected areas.

If you have never listened to any of the HF emergency or traffic nets, you should give it a try, these guys and gals are really professional.

Members of the Lafayette SkyWarn went down to the Lafayette Parish EOC and operated from there. They were: Ed Roy WA5TNK, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, and Mark Saltzman W5GTI. By the way, Mark received his credentials as a new Assistant Emergency Coordinator.... congratulations go out to Mark.

Glen KF5FNP and Wayne AF5EJ have been doing some antenna check-outs at the Lafayette Parish EC and have found some problems with the antennas and antenna switches. Some problems have been eliminated but a few still exist and they are working on those at this time.

Remember, coming up on September 8th & 9th, the Louisiana Bicentennial of becoming a state will take place and we are looking for operators and persons to set up at the Lafayette Visitor's Center on Evangeline Thruway. This could be one of our biggest events of the year. We will be discussing details at the September 6th meeting.

Website: <http://www.w5ddl.org/k5lsa/>

Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF will give a update on the Bayou du Teche Canoe Race on October 5th thru 7th which is a 135 mile three day event from Port Barre, LA to Berwick, LA. Ham radio operators will be used for communications along the route to report back to the control point in Breau Bridge, LA. For information go to:

Website: <http://www.tourduteche.com>

We are looking to have a lot of fun the next two months and giving us a chance to put amateur radio skills to work;

Herman Campbell KN5GRK
AARA President

FCC News: FCC Releases Congressionally Mandated Study on Amateur Radio

On August 20 -- in response to a Spring 2012 Congressional directive -- the Federal Communications Commission released its findings on the Uses and Capabilities of Amateur Radio Service Communications in Emergencies and Disaster Relief: Report to Congress Pursuant to Section 6414 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012.

This report contains the FCC's "review of the importance of emergency Amateur Radio Service communications relating to disasters, severe weather and other threats to lives and property in the United States; and recommendations for enhancements in the voluntary deployment of Amateur Radio operators in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts; and recommendations for improved integration of Amateur Radio operators in the planning and furtherance of initiatives of the federal government." It also required "that the study identify impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications and provide recommendations regarding the removal of such impediments."

"There are many positive things included in the FCC report to Congress," said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "We are pleased that the Commission highlighted the existing Amateur Radio infrastructure to provide disaster and time-critical communications. They also recognized the flexibility of the Amateur Service in working with federal, state, local and tribal emergency service agencies to supplement existing communications. The affirmation of the value that Amateur Radio brings to the communities across the country is underscored by the suggestion that 'DHS work with state, local, and tribal authorities so they may develop disaster area access or credentialing policies for trained amateur operators, including a means for documenting their qualifications...'"

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**The September AARA General Meeting will take place on September 6th at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA.
VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM**

DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday, September 6th @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

ARCCLA Alexandria Hamfest
October 6, 2012

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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Vanity Call Sign Fee to Increase September 4

On August 3, the FCC announced via a Final Rule in the Federal Register that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 80 cents, from \$14.20 to \$15. The new fees take effect 30 days after publication, making September 4, 2012, the first day the new fee is in effect. Earlier this year, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM), seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal six years ago.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. According to the FCC, the fees that are collected from vanity call signs are used to offset the cost of monitoring and researching new call sign requests to prevent the issuance of duplicate call signs. When asked why the fee is payable upon renewal, the FCC stated in 2011 that "more than likely, fees that are collected only on new issues and at the time of changes in call signs will not generate sufficient revenues to offset the cost of managing and monitoring this work at the Commission, the FCC stated in 2011. Therefore, we conclude that the basis upon which the Commission collects fees on Amateur Radio Vanity call signs will not change."

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 16 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 Report and Order). In Fiscal Year 2012, the FCC expects to grant 14,300 vanity call signs, bringing in \$214,500 from the vanity call sign program, and looks to recover a total of \$339,844,000 in fees from all the Services that it regulates.

**ARCCLA
HAM-
FEST 2012**
**Saturday
October 6th**
**Kees Park
Pineville, LA
0800 to 1300**



FREE ADMISSION

FREE PARKING

Talk-in: 147.330+ PI 173.8

Alternate: 147.375 No Tone

EchoLink: KD5DFL-R

Node # 169091

Location: I-49 South to Cottingham Expressway Exit 84, Hwy 28 East, Kees Park, next to Bug Blasters.

Over 4400 square feet of space available for swap tables, fellowship, tall tales, food, fun, and what have you.

PRIZES

Grand Prize - Icom ID-880H 2 meter & 70 cm D-Star

Second Prize - Icom IC-V82 2 meter HT (D-Star capable)

Third Prize - Ham in a Box

There is also a \$300.00 Cash Prize Drawing. Need not be present to win.

Main Prize and Door Prize Tickets are \$1.00 each. Tables are \$10.00 each.

VE Testing Available

Forums: D-Star and ARRL/ARES

For Advanced Tickets and Information, contact:

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<http://www.arccla.us>

**LABOR
DAY**

AUGUST 2012 AARA MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2012

CLUB MEETING:

- ⇒ The AARA President Herman KN5GRK opened the meeting.
- ⇒ Herman led the prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 24 member in attendance and 3 visitors.
- ⇒ Members introduced themselves and gave interesting contacts during July.
- ⇒ James Williams KF5RBW passed his General test.

Minutes: The July minutes were not read as they were posted in the August LARC – accepted as written.

New Business: Herman introduced Steve Irving WA5FKF from the Baton Rouge Red Cross. As of 8/1/2012 the Louisiana coastline is considered one region of the Disaster Services League. Steve Irving WA5FKF is co-coordinating the enlisting of Amateur Radio Operators to be part Disaster Services Technology (DST). He wants to set up a network of Amateur Radio operators who can be sent to shelters to help with communications.

Those interested filled out applications to be a regular Red Cross volunteer. They will be required to have a background check and receive training. A regular volunteer must be part of the Red Cross.

A Ham operator will be sent to a shelter, set up operations, and stay

there until regular communications are restored. The shelters should have power.

Mr. Irving said that the Red Cross has some nice toys (radio equipment). The communication vans have 14 radios and have capability for a 50 ft. antenna.

Glen Thibodeaux, KF5FNP will get contact information and address for sending applications to the Red Cross.

SPECIAL EVENT: We will have a Special Event honoring the 200th Birthday of Louisiana becoming a State and 100th Birthday of the Louisiana Flag being approved. The event will be September 8th - 9th at the Lafayette Tourist Center. Gerald Breaux said that we can set up on the porch. We will operate from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will work the 20 meter band, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. we will work the 40 meter band and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. the 20 meter and 80 meter bands. There will be security there from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. We will need someone to stay overnight.

We will have the information on the website, QRZ link to the website, and a listing in QST.

TOUR DU TECHE: The 135 mile canoe race will be October 5-7, 2012, down the Bayou Teche from Port Barre to Berwick. Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF gave an update on volunteers.

At present we need a volunteer on **Saturday, October 6th** to help Jess Gillion KF5LUL at Park Sur la Teche, Franklin, La. The shift starts at 2:30 p.m. and last year the last boat came in after 5:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. This shift needs to be split up.

On **Sunday, October 7th**, a volunteer is needed at the Red Light House, Atchafalaya River, Berwick, La., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until the last boat on the list arrives. The awards ceremony is at 3 p.m. for the winners. John Cuniff W4JHC, worked the Red Lighthouse last year and he said that is the best place to be. You can watch all the excitement as the winners arrive.

Anyone interested in helping with the Tour du Teche can contact Sandy LeBlanc at:

asml@airmail.net.

We need a chairperson for the following events:

Cajun ½ Marathon no date at present time, usually in December.

Cajun Cup 10K Run on November 10, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary

“Special Visitors” passing through Lafayette

Some of our fellow AARA members may recall Field Day 2001 when we held our Field Day at Cajun Field at Congress and Bertrand drive. Back then we had our old trailer mounted tower. Calvin KD5JCT had just mounted “Old Glory” on the tower just before raising it to 50 ft. Cindy KA9PZG and Skip KA9DDN Douglass of Wisconsin were traveling down Bertrand and noticed the tower. Curious that it may be a ham radio activity decided to investigate and that is how we met.

I have been in contact off and on every since then, they are on my e-mail list and I hear from them every now and then. Saturday morning August 25th, I received a phone call saying they would be passing through Lafayette that evening from visiting Skip’s father living in San Antonio, TX. They arrived in Lafayette Saturday afternoon, secured a motel, and called me after having dinner and wanted to come by for a visit around 7:00 pm. I said “GREAT”.

I showed them around the QTH and had a nice “eyeball QSO” with two great persons that will always remember Lafayette and our hospitality. They said it was too bad that we did not have any club gathering going on at this time and are looking forward to maybe coming back again. They headed back to Wisconsin Sunday morning via spending the night in Tupelo, MS and Cindy’s sister in Indiana. Thanks Cindy & Skip for taking time to visit and wishing you both God Bless and 73.

Herman KN5GRK



GOING SOLAR: A TALE OF TWO STATIONS



Greetings, this is Jess Gillion KF5LUL, and here is a short story of my first go at a small solar station. I did a lot of reading and talking to others who have done these before. My sources were GOOGLE, Fred W5MLE and Dave N4ELM. Between these three assets you can find a lot of experience in solar power.

I had a few simple goals in mind when I started. The main goal was to have back up power to run at least one of my 2 meter / 70 cm radios with free solar energy. If I were able to run my HF 100 watt rig then that would even be more exciting. My second goal was to keep it simple small and flexible. So if I needed to, it could be packed up and moved to a emergency location with little effort. Trust me its lighter than most generators! My third goal was to not spend more than \$500 on the whole project. So using parts and wires I had laying around and asking for donations would become necessary.

Fred informed me that here in LA one needs to have their solar panel pointed due south and at a 30 degree angle for maximum solar collection. I have yet to mount my panel to Fred's specs. I just stuck it on a table in the back yard for my initial testing stages. It was so easy, I may just leave it!

The whole station took about 2 hours to assemble from scratch. The solar controller comes with a Load output mode which is adjustable as to times that it switches to on mode. I elected to forgo the use of this feature and wire my rigs directly to the batteries. Also, when running devices from the load port of the controller your limited to the amp value rating of your controller.

After hooking up the system, I have found the need to add more panels. After prolonged use of the HF rig running full power and using the Dual bander for a solid nights use, I found the panel couldn't bring the batteries back up to full charge the following day with full sun. So I am now adding three more 15 Watt panels compliments of Herman KN5GRK. He donated these to my solar station and I thank him for the help. They needed some work like cleaning, sealing and rewiring. And the frames were rusted pretty badly. I sanded them down, treated the rust and painted them with Camo flat black. Now they are good to go and look pretty spiffy.

My current solar station consists of the following:

2 Optima Batteries Blue Top 66 amp hours (each) wired in parallel with 12 volts output and a total of 132 amp hours. Available at local auto parts store by special order Price: \$430 total

1 Twenty Amp solar charger controller from Ebay. Price: \$25

1 Fifty Watt Solar panel used from craigs list. Price \$75 (\$215 new)

Total project cost: \$530 give or take a few bucks.

Future Upgrades:

Installation of my Tripp Lite 2012 Inverter \$600

Hacking a old Dell LCD monitor to wire directly to the batteries, so I only have to run the PC Tower with the inverter. Free

Installing 2 additional Blue Top batteries for more amp hours. Giving me a total of 264 amp hours. \$430

Wiring in 3 more 15 watt solar panels. Free

Total solar investment: \$1,560

Danny's KD5JSM solar rig consists of a 15 watt Harbor Freight panel, \$10 Ebay solar controller and a left over lawn mower battery. Its inexpensive & small, but works surprisingly well. It took about two hours to wire up his whole station. He plans on upgrading the battery to a regular deep cycle in the future. I think it takes 2 deep cycle batteries to be able to run your HF rigs. Of course you can turn down the power and use just one.

After researching batteries it looks like there may be some better options for pure Solar storage. Trojan sells a few very interesting batteries. But I wanted to have the option of using these in one of my boats or my golf cart. So I stuck with a more traditional sealed deep cycle battery that was available locally. If someone wanted to do an inexpensive solar rig for their shack, I think It could be done new for relatively cheap. By using a regular \$75 deep cycle battery, 15 to 20 watt panel, and 10 amp controller you would have a solid performing station for your 2 meter / 70 cm rigs. This could all be purchased for less than \$150 if you shop around. The sky is the limit with solar. No pun intended! So have fun & enjoy the sun!

73,
Jess Gillion
KF5LUL
kf5lul@aol.com





On Saturday September 8, and Sunday September 9, 2012, the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) will hold a "Special Event Station" to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Louisiana being awarded statehood and the 100th Anniversary of adopting the Louisiana State flag.

We have created a nice certificate on photo paper to be offered to those persons that contact our station. We ask that you send a large SASE envelope and one (\$1.00) U.S. dollar to help cover printing costs. A SASE only will get a 20# plain certificate on standard paper.

We will be using the call-sign "K5LSA" which is a call assigned to the Lafayette Salvation Army, here in Lafayette, Louisiana - Herman Campbell KN5GRK is the license trustee. The call "K5LSA" fits in with the phonetics "Louisiana Special Anniversary".

We will be holding our "Louisiana Special Event" station on the grounds of the Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission with permission of Gerald Breau, Executive Director.

The address is: 1400 NW Evangeline Thruway, Lafayette, LA 70501.

Anyone attending the visitors center may want to send a "Radiogram" to a friend or loved one back home to keep in touch.

Members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) will be managing the station during the following hours:

Saturday, September 8th, 2012 from 0800 Central Time to 2000 Central time (1300-0100Z).

Sunday, September 9th, 2012 from 0800 Central Time to 2000 Central time (1300-0100Z).

OPERATING FREQUENCIES & TIMES

20 Meters = 14.265 MHz USB (plus or minus QRM) 0800 to 1400 Central Time

40 Meters = 7.265 MHz LSB (plus or minus QRM) 1400 to 1800 Central Time

80 Meters = 3.930 MHz LSB (plus or minus QRM) 1800 to 2000 Central Time

QSL INFORMATION

To obtain a 8 1/2" x 11" color certificate shown above on photographic paper - send a large SASE plus \$1.00 along with your QSL card to the following address:

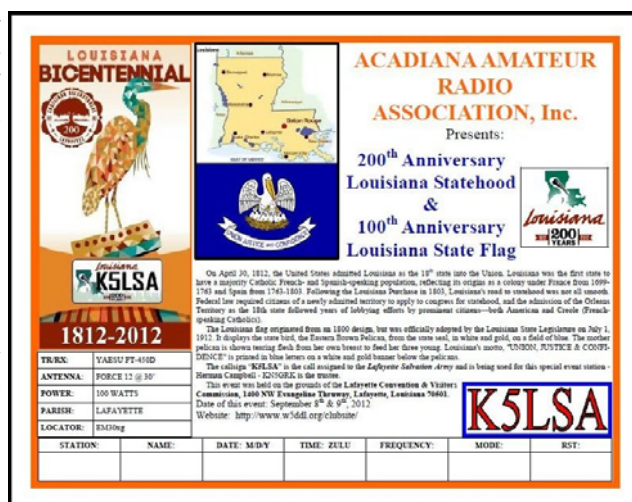
Herman Campbell KN5GRK

416 Dale St.

Lafayette, LA 70501-2012

Sending your QSL card and a SASE (no money) will get you a 8 1/2" x 11" color certificate on standard 20# bright (92) white paper.

HOPE TO LOG YOU ON THE AIR!



LAFAYETTE PARISH EOC GETS A CHAIR-LIFT

(by Herman Campbell KN5GRK)

I received a phone call from Bill Vincent (Director of the Lafayette Parish EOC) to come down to the Parish Court House saying that he had something new to show me. On Wednesday morning August 1st, I went down to see what it was all about. Bill met me in the parking lot as he was coming to work. I was in for a big surprise!

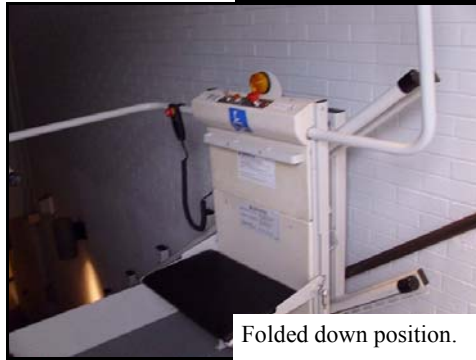
The Parish had installed a new chair-lift in the main stairwell going down to the lower level to his office and the communication center. I have always had a problem negotiating the stairs in this building, especially when having to carry something. I am sure that I am not the only one that will benefit from this new addition.

Bill instructed me on how to use the controls plus all the safety features. It normally stays folded up along side the wall so others can use the stairs. When in use, it folds down with a drop-down seat and safety bars for wheelchair use.

From the information Bill gave me, the chair-lift will support 500 pounds and cost the Parish \$40,000. This project has been in the works for a long time and I am glad it finally became a reality.



Folded up position.



Folded down position.

August AARA Meeting Guest Speaker

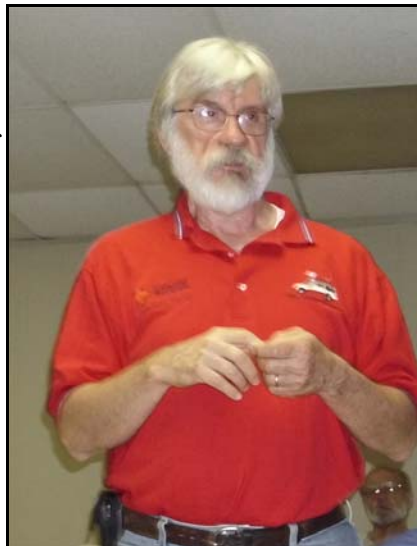
Guest speaker at our August 2nd meeting was Steve Irving WA5FKF from the Baton Rouge Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Steve gave a talk on how our amateur radio community can aid the Red Cross during and after a disaster occurs in our area. This is strictly on a volunteer basis and anyone licensed as an amateur radio operator can be a part.

Louisiana is one of the most disaster-prone states in the country. We are always in need of volunteers to respond to disasters in our local communities.

"You see, we HAMS have a great advantage," said Steve. "Fire departments and the Red Cross may only have one or two frequencies on their radios. We have access to thousands and thousands. If you can't talk to each other on the one frequency because of terrain, weather or whatever, we can reach into our pockets and maintain efficient direct communication channels."

Steve had application packages available at the meeting for anyone wanting to sign up, if you decide later on, contact Tony Credeur of the Lafayette Red Cross Chapter, Terry Broussard N5QWA, or Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP. I am sure one of these persons can point you in the right direction. Again, thanks to Steve for coming out and addressing our club.



Acadiana Area Simplex Net Report

On August 20th, members of the AARA coordinated a 2 Meter Simplex Net. This Net was held in an effort to assist local amateur operators in evaluating their equipment performance in Simplex mode, in the case that emergency conditions would prevent the use of local VHF repeaters.

Check-ins were taken in alphabetical order each stating call sign, name and location. Each check-in was given a signal report and then asked to state power level, antenna type and antenna height. Each check-in was logged either through direct contact or with the assistance of relays. Two rounds were logged. The first round logged initial check-ins and the second round was for equipment adjustments, with most participants making adjustments during the second round.

Equipment used during the Simplex net ranged from omni directional, yagi, and quad antennas, to base, mobile and HT VHF radios. Various power levels and antenna heights were reported, and best results appeared to come from antenna height. Antennas from 10 to 15 feet required more power for successful communications across or outside of the Lafayette area, while antennas at 25 feet and higher covered more area with as low as 1/2 watt.

A total of 18 check-ins participated in the Simplex Net, from the Lafayette area to as far away as Eunice and Crowley. All indications rate the Simplex Net as both successful and useful to all of the participants. Due to these results, additional Simplex Nets will be held in the future. Thanks to all who participated, and if you missed this time around, get your gear ready for the next one.

Mark
W5GTI
Monday Night Net Manager

AUGUST 2012 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	33	Ø	45	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	3	48	Ø	100	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	23	Ø	37	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	4	25	Ø	47	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	M 6 / G 6	Ø	14	KE5KJD Larry

"If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend."
-Doug Larson

(FCC Report from page 1 column 2)

While the FCC did hold Amateur Radio in a positive light in its discussion of emergency Amateur Radio Service communications, the FCC report was not as favorable in the portion of the study that addressed impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications. In the comments provided to the FCC as they prepared the study, the ARRL -- as well as numerous individuals -- cited the proliferation of specific land-use restrictions, such as deed restrictions and homeowners associations covenants, that prohibit the erection of even modest Amateur Radio antennas.

You can get the full story on ARRL's website at:

<http://www.arrrl.org/news/fcc-releases-congressionally-mandated-study-on-amateur-radio>

Constitution Day

On September 17, 1787, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention met for the last time to sign the document they had created. We encourage all Americans to observe this important day in our nation's history by attending local events in your area. Celebrate Constitution Day through activities, learning, parades and demonstrations of our Love for the United State of America and the Blessings of Freedom Our Founding Fathers secured for us.

Visit <http://www.constitutionday.com> for more information.



9/6	NATHAN	KD5IQW
9/8	BUD	N5AN
9/13	FRED	W5MLE
9/15	LANCE	KF5NZB
9/16	DALTON	N5HVV
9/17	JAMES	KF5CNS
9/19	MEL	WD5CAE
9/20	DANNY	K5ARH
9/24	IRMA	KE5UPK
10/1	CHERYL	KE5IBM

September 2012 Special Events & Contests

- September 1-10** 85th Anniversary of Electronic TV, K7T. Utah DX Association, Jordan, UT 21.300, 14.250, 7.240
- September 8** US Air Force Birthday; Patriot Day; First Nuclear Powered Aircraft Carrier (USS Enterprise) Launched, N16IW. USS Midway Museum, San Diego, CA. 14.320, 7.250, PSK-31 14.070
- September 8-9** Louisiana 200th Statehood Anniversary, K5LSA. Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Lafayette, LA. 28.350, 14.265, 7.265, 3.930
- September 19-23** National POW/MIA Recognition Day, K4MIA. PBSE Radio Society, Loxahatchee, FL. 21.300, 18.150, 14.265, 7.185
- September 29-30** USS Wisconsin Final De-Commissioning, N4WIS. USS Wisconsin Radio Club, Virginia Beach, VA. 14.264, 7.264

Refer to the September issue of QST (page 95, 96) for additional information and more listings of contests and "Special Event Stations".

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

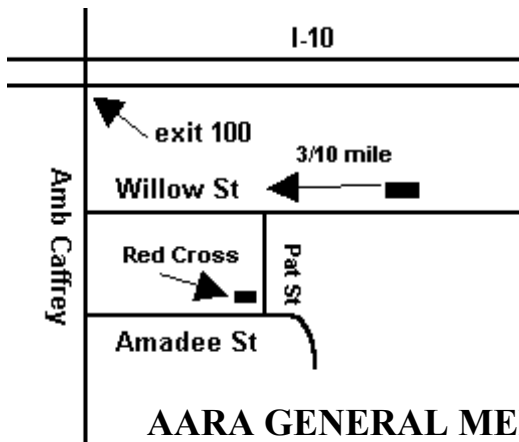


SkyWarn Volunteers Needed

Ed Roy WA5TNK, (Lafayette Parish EC) wanted the word put out for volunteers to join and help at the Lafayette Parish EOC or to report weather observations during severe weather or disasters. Training to operate the EOC communication equipment is available. Contact Ed Roy if interested at: edroy@edroy.com

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday September 6th, 2012 - 7:00 PM

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE



Roasted Pepper and Garlic Pasta

Paul Scallan K5VSH

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|---|---------------------------------|
| 2 Cups Pasta (bowtie, Penne, elbow, etc.) | 1 pod Garlic, diced |
| 1 large jar Diced Pimento | Red Pepper flakes to taste |
| 1 12oz jar Roasted Red peppers, chopped | Grated Parmesan cheese to taste |
| 1 tbsp Capers (soaked in water) | Fresh Basil, sliced to taste |
| 1 dozen Black Olives, chopped | |

Cook pasta per package directions, drain and return pasta to pot. Don't forget the sea salt (about a Tablespoon). In a sauce pan, place 3 Tablespoons or enough to cover the bottom with Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO). Put garlic in the oil, and cook on medium heat until garlic is light brown. Add Pimentos, Olives, Capers, and Roasted Peppers to the Olive Oil and garlic. Warm through and let the flavors mix. Add crushed red pepper to taste. Add Pasta to the mixture and stir. Serve after the pasta absorbs the flavors of the mix. You should grate fresh Parmesan Cheese over the dish and add some sliced Basil Leaves.

Send your favorite recipes to:
Galen KF5BET
galenw@cox.net



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission,
1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245